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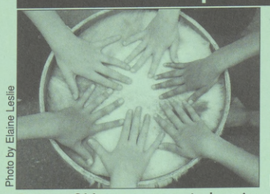


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Fri. June 1
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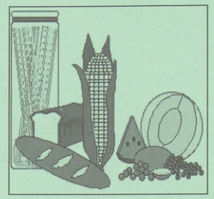
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"Fidel" Thurs. June 14 • 7:30pm

A new documentary from acclaimed producer and director Estela Bravo. A biographical portrait of this great world statesman and humanitarian. It includes rare footage of his life and a number of interviews with Castro himself, extensive archival footage of the Cuban revolution and commentaries.

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La Peña 26 Anniversary

26th Anniversary Cultural Center Calendar - June 2001

June 9; La Peña celebrates its 26th anniversary honoring DOLORES HUERTA

¡Viva La Causa!



On this, its twenty-sixth anniversary, La Peña Cultural Center proudly celebrates and honors Dolores Huerta, a woman of indefatigable strength, leader of remarkable courage, and truly, one of the "100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century."

On April 10, 1930, Dolores was born to Alicia Chavez and Juan Fernandez in northern New Mexico. Dolores would grow up to be a teacher, community activist, union leader, lobbyist, organizer, an advocate for farmworkers' and women's rights, and mother of eleven children.

Throughout her life, Dolores has devoted her time to helping others. After earning a teaching degree from Delta Community College in the 50s, she worked as a grammar school teacher. Her contact with the children of the poor and dispossessed led her to community organizing.

In 1955 she began working as a grass roots organizer with the Community Service Organization (CSO), a civil rights organization. There Dolores met Cesar Chavez, a farmworker who would eventually become president of the organization. Both left the CSO in 1962 and moved to Delano, California with their respective families to establish the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA).

> "I couldn't stand seeing kids come to class hungry and needing shoes. I thought I could do more by organizing farm workers than by trying to teach their hungry children." DH

In 1965, the NFWA, led by Cesar and Dolores, voted to join a grape strike called by Filipino members of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and in 1966 the two organizations joined forces to form the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Dolores has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of farmworkers and for decades, has worked to ban the use of toxic pesticides that threaten the health of farm workers, consumers, and the environment. A passionate spokesperson, she has not only lobbied in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. but traveled across the U.S. as an advocate for farm worker rights and women's rights.

Dolores is the recipient of numerous awards and public recognitions including the ACLU's Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award. In 1988 Ms. Magazine honored her as "Woman of the Year," the Ladies Home Journal named her one of the "100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century," and in 1993 she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

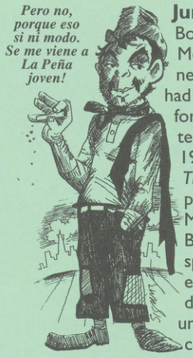
¡Que viva Dolores Huerta!

Join us on June 9, to pay tribute to this exceptional woman whose diligence, fervor and uncompromising commitment continues to inspire us all

La Peña Presents Culture Clash's Herbert Siguenza in ¡CANTINFLAS!

The biography of legendary Mexican comedian Mario Moreno

Pero no, porque eso si ni modo. Se me viene a La Peña joven!



June 7 & 8 • 8pm

Born in 1911, in one of Mexico City's, poorest neighborhoods, Cantinflas had humble beginnings performing in small vaudeville tent shows called *carpas*. In 1937, he filmed *"Así es mi Tierra"* becoming the most popular movie star in Mexican cinema history. Beloved in every Spanish speaking country, Cantinflas embodied the hopes and dreams of the Mexican underclass with dignity and classic humor. Chaplin called him, "the greatest comic ever born." He died in 1993 at the age of 82. By recreating classic routines and actual interviews, **Herbert Siguenza,** member of the acclaimed performance trio **Culture Clash,** attempts to capture the depth and genius of one of the twentieth century's, most charismatic comic figures.

Guest performers include Eduardo Robledo and Tanya Vlach. The performance will be in Spanish and English.

From the Fundraising Committee of the Board

Meeting the Challenge - Looking to Future Generations

We need donors to meet a challenge. A generous donor has donated $10,000 to La Peña's endowment campaign with the challenge that we reach $300,000 by the end of this year. Currently we have $170,000 in pledges to the fund. La Peña needs help to identify people who might possibly contribute to the endowment. We are specifically looking for committments of $3-5,000 and up. It can be done over a number of years. Please contact Paul Chin at (510)849-2568 ext. 17 for more information. Money earned from the endowment will support programs at La Peña every year for years to come.

❑ YES, I would like to contribute to La Peña's endowment fund. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation

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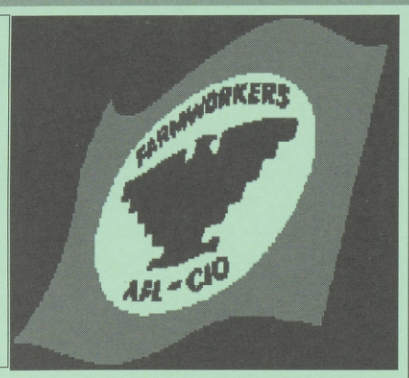
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La Peña Cultural Center Calendar • June 2001



"Until the quality of life for the underclass improves around the world, we will always sing about political awareness. We are a continuity of the voice of *el pueblo*..."
Tijuana No! Friday, June 15 • 8pm

La Peña Celebrates its 26th Anniversary honoring farmworker leader
DOLORES HUERTA
With Dulce Mambo, Piri Thomas, La Paz (L.A.), Jose Luis Orozco, Rafael Manriquez, Herbert Siguenza, Father Bill O'Donnell. Slide show by Maria Chavez, Raffle and Special Guest **Dolores Huerta**
June 9 • 7pm $20 adv. - $25 door
A benefit for Dolores' health expenses and La Peña



DOM - SUN | **LUN - MON** | **MAR - TUE** | **MIER - WED** | **VIER - FRI** | **SAB - SAT**

1 MUSIC & DANCE
Los Mapaches
Latin American Music Ensemble Berkwood Hedges School Presents
The Drum of Happiness
7:30pm $6 adult $3 child*

2 Today & Tomorrow
Superfest XX1, International Media Festival on Disabilities
Screening of winners of this year's competition. 1-5pm $5-10 sliding scale. For screening schedule call 510-845-5576

CONCERT
Inkuyo
An evening of traditional & contemporary music of the Andes of Bolivia, Peru & Ecuador. The group features: Gonzalo Vargas, Jose Luis Reynolds, Gabriel Escobar & Miguel Pardo. **8:30pm $12 adv. $14 door**

3 VIDEO FESTIVAL
Superfest XX1
International Media Festival on Disabilities
Screening of winners & award events
Screenings 1-5pm
$5-10 sliding scale
Meet the Filmmakers reception
6-7pm free
For screening schedule call 510-845-5576

La Peña's Carnaval Series continues
Join the spirit of Carnaval!





Fogo Na Roupa
Friday, June 29 8:30pm
Program made possible by a grant from the N.E.A.

June Exhibits
Cafe & Lobby exhibit:
26 Years of La Peña, Cultural Activism for Social Justice!
Cultural Room Exhibit:
Features the works of students and instructors of Richmond's National Institute of Art and Disabilities

6
CAFE POETRY
Youth Speaks
7pm $2

7 COMEDY
8 COMEDY
La Peña Presents Herbert Siguenza in
¡CANTINFLAS!
A work in progress performance in English and Spanish about the legendary Mexican comedian Mario Moreno (1911-1993). By recreating classic routines and interviews, **Culture Clash's Herbert Siguenza** capture the genius of one of the twentieth century's most charismatic comic figures. With **Eduardo Robledo** & **Tanya Vlach**.
2 shows Thursday & Friday, June 7 & 8, 2001 • **8pm $14 adv. $16 dr.**

9 BENEFIT
La Peña Celebrates its 26th Anniversary
honoring farmworker leader and special guest
✪ **Dolores Huerta** ✪
Live music, spoken word, and other special guests
7pm $20 adv - $25 door*
A benefit for Dolores' health expenses and La Peña

10 IN THE CAFE
La Peña Flamenca Community Juerga 5pm $3
BAILE / DANCE
Música sin Fronteras
Women's Salsa Night
Salsa y música caribeña with DJs
Chata Gutierrez & Rosa Oviedo
Free salsa dance lesson 5-6pm
5pm $6*

13 CAFE POETRY
open mic hosted by Kira Allen
7pm $2
Illusions of the "New Economy"
There is enormous hype about the "new economy", the high tech revolution and the dot.com-ing of the Bay Area. An analysis of the Bay Area's political economy by author, professor and long time activist **Dick Walker.** Spon. by Committee of Correspondence.
7:30pm $5
No one turned away for lack of funds

14 CAFE CONCERT WITH IRE
Cuban Son 9PM $5
VIDEO
"Fidel"
90m. video Dir. Estela Bravo. A new biographical portrait of Fidel Castro that includes rare footage of his life and recent interviews with world figures. Benefit for the 12th US/Cuba Friendship Caravan to Cuba organized by IFCO/Pastors for Peace
7:30pm $8-15 sliding scale*

15 BORDER ROCK
DEBUTING AT LA PEÑA
Tijuana No!
Influential Mexican rock, punk, folklorico and world music band has always seen itself as the mouthpiece of the downtrodden on both sides of the US-Mexican border. With local guest **CARADURA**, **DJ La Viuda Negra** and others.
8pm $13 adv, $15 door

16 Hiphop, Spoken Word, Soul
Collective Soul
One Year Anniversary!! featuring
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ELEMENTS OF A WHOLE
DJ SAKE ONE
plus guests
8pm
$7 before 10pm, $10 after
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17 IN THE CAFE
Domingo de Rumba 3:30pm Free
Joint Congress of the Arts
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20 Cafe Poetry
hosted by Paul Flores featuring **Xochi Candelaria, members of Los Otros and Quetzal 8pm $5**
FORUM • Anarchism
Do we really know what it means? Three experienced activists, **Howard Besser** of UCLA, **Kvine Keating**, Michigan Yuppie Eradication Project, and **Kerry Matlock**, historian will discuss anarchism, past and present. Also video, Anarchism in Action.
7PM $5-7 sliding scale*

21 CONCERT
La Peña Classes Recital
Students from **Josh Jones'** Latin Jazz and Hip Hop/Funk class, **Ras Mo's** Eastern Caribbean percussion, **Jackeline Rago's** Venezuelan music and **Rafael Manríquez's** Latin American music class will perform. A good opportunity to see friends and check out what happens at these free classes.
7pm $8*
Classes sponsored by the California Arts Council

22 CONCERT
Hecho en Califas presents
DEBUTING AT LA PENA
THE BLUES EXPERIMENT
(from East LA)
OLLIN
SANGANO (SF)
with spoken word by
Lucha & Jime Salcedo-Malo
8pm $10 adv. $12 door

23 GERARDO PEÑA IN THE CAFE. 7PM
Voices of Our Nation Literary Arts Foundation Benefit featuring
QUINCY TROUPE
JUNOT DIAZ
DANZY SIENA
ELMAZ ABINADER
8pm $10
For more info call VONA office 415-422-5488

24 IN THE CAFE
La Peña Flamenca Community Juerga 5pm $3
Youth Speaks Benefit
Demonstration and spoken word workshop for teens with Kenny Carroll & DJ Renegade. For more info call (415) 661-6927
2pm donation

Sherry Glaser • Sat. June 30 • 8pm



Hecho en Califas Jam Sessions
June 16 - June 27
with Chris Gonzalez Clark from **Los Otros** and from **Quetzal** - Marta Gonzalez, Quetzal Flores and Dante Pazcuzzo. Each night they will host a jam session open to musicians and poets. Call for info and schedule (510) 849-2568 x16.
Made possible with support from Ntl. Performance Network

27 CAFE POETRY
Hosted by Rain.
Open mic to follow. **7:30pm $2**
The Berkeley Arts Festival & Arnie Passman's House of cards Presents
Conversations in Commedia
With **Audrey Smith** of the SF Mime Troupe, Make -A-Circus and Miracle Theatre and **Selma Spector** of the Plutonium Players, Reagan for Shah and Ladies Against Women.
7:30pm $8

28 ANTI-GLOBALIZATION SERIES
La Peña and Global Exchange Present
Medea Benjamin
The co-founder of Global Exchange and Green Party Senate Candidate, will speak about California's "energy crisis" and how it relates to the larger issue of corporate led globalization and the corporate agenda of deregulation and privatization of public services.
7:30pm $5-10*
No one turned away for lack of funds

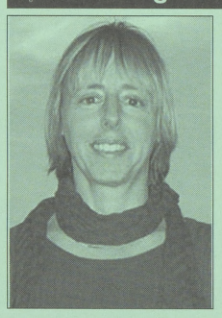
29 CARNAVAL SERIES
Award winning carnaval ensemble
Fogo Na Roupa
In a kaleidoscope of Brazilian carnaval rhythms and dances. A choreo- rhythmic journey of regional carnaval styles from Salvador de Bahia, Pernambuco and Rio de Janeiro. Join Fogo for an after party of drum, dance & passion.
8:30pm $12 adv. $14 door

30 COMEDY
Sherry Glaser in "A Blessing in Disguise"
A new one-woman show tells the story of Miguel De Cervantes, a man struggling with his identity and purpose in the confusing age of super information highways and fast food franchises. With the help of a new age psychic, he discovers his path and destiny as the human channel for the return of the great goddess, Ma, the Jewish mother of us all.
8pm $15 in adv. $18 at the door

Inkuyo • Sat. June 2• 8:30pm



Anti-globalization series



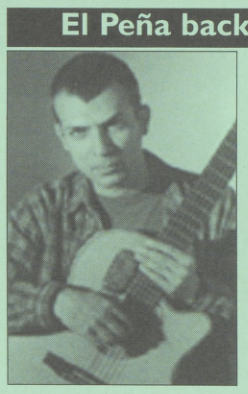
Thurs, June 28
7:30pm
Medea Benjamin, co-funder of Global Exchange & Green Party Senate Candidate, will speak about California's "energy crisis" and how it relates to the larger issue of corporate led globalization.

The Blues Experiment



Fri. June 22
8pm
Don't be scared if your heart jumps to the throat - it's the elation and positive flow from the LA's Blues Experiment

El Peña back to La Peña



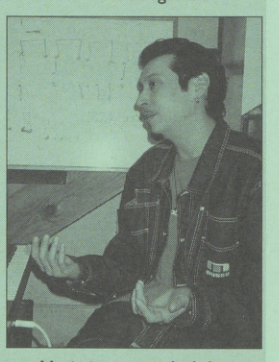
In the Café Lobby
Sat. • June 23
7pm From Mexico, singer songwriter Gerardo Peña, premiering his latest CD Torre de babel His music for movies, theater & TV has brought him wide recognition in Latin America.

FREE & FEE CLASSES

SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE:

Free classes are supported by the California Arts Council Artists in Residence program. Other classes are supported by participant fees. Enrollment is limited, and instructor permission is required. For more information about these classes, call Sylvia Sherman at 510/849-2568 extension 16 (Mon.-Fri. 12-5pm). (**TS** = Theater Space, **CR** = Community Room behind La Tienda, **CA** = Cafe Area). **CRII** = (Classroom behind community room)

PERCUSSION:
-Afro-Cuban Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm TS) Students will learn folkloric and popular Afro-Cuban rhythms. Instructor: Jesus Díaz, leader of Jesus Díaz y su QBA. $15 per class, or $48 for four classes. **(Class on Break from June 4-July 23. Class Resumes July 30)**
-Beginning/Intermediate Trap Set (Monday 6 - 7:30 pm, CRII) Instructor: Josh Jones. Class will cover theory and technique and many styles of music including jazz, Latin and funk. Drumset provided. Bring sticks and manuscript paper.
-Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm, CR) Students must bring their own drums. Congas are welcome. Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.
-Intermediate Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.
-Afro-Cuban Songs and Chekere (Wednesday 6 - 7:30pm, CRII) Instructor: Carlos Aldama, a founder of Conjunto Folklorico Nacional de Cuba. Class will cover Yoruba and Arara songs. $10 per class or $32 for 4 classes. Call to confirm participation in this class (849-2568 x16).
-Afro-Cuban Percussion (Saturday, 12 - 2pm, CR) Instructor: Sandy Perez (principal percussionist with AfroCuba de Matanzas). This class will cover various Afro-Cuban folkloric and popular rhythms. $15/class. For more info call (510) 239-2256.
-Eastern Caribbean & Afro-Francophone Rhythms (Sunday 12 - 2pm, CR) This class will cover Calypso, Gwaka, Belaire, Quadrille etc. Bring congas, bells & sticks. Instructor: Ras Mo. Free. For more info call 510-840-1574.


Music instructor Josh Jones. Check out the class recital on June 21

STRINGED INSTRUMENTS:
-Mandolin (Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free
-Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 7 - 8pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.
-Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 8 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.
-Beginning Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 6 - 7pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Free
-Intermediate Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 7 - 8pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Free
-Advanced Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 8:00 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Free

ENSEMBLES:
-Latin American songwriting and ensemble (Monday 6 - 7:30 pm, Cafe) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. This class will help people interested in composing and arranging songs in various Latin American music styles. The instructor will give feedback and help with students' compositions and the class as a whole will play them. Free
-Latin American ensemble (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, Cafe) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Students will learn to play and sing Latin American songs from various different countries. Open to vocalists and instrumentalists. Free
-Hip Hop/Funk Ensemble (Monday 7:45 - 10pm, TS) Instructor: Josh Jones. Class will learn live break beats - free style and improvisation - as well as working on programming beats. Open to all instrumentalists and vocalists. Free
-La Peña Community Chorus (Tuesday 7:45 -10pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes. Monthly Membership Dues Required. For chorus info call Nancy Gendel at 510-845-5161. At present there are openings for tenors and bases only.
-Latin Jazz Ensemble (Tuesday 8 - 10 pm in CRII) Instructor: Josh Jones. Students will learn to play Latin Jazz in an ensemble format. Class will focus on concepts of clave and basic percussion rhythms as they can be applied to all instruments. Free.

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❑ **Padrino/Madrina $500** – All of the benefits below, a free annual pass to all La Peña events, and a listing in our newsletter's Honors Sections as a La Peña Patron.
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❑ **Malvina Reynolds $50** –All of the benefits below, plus $10 coupon for diner at Cafe de La Peña.
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